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# OHIO

## WEEKLY CROP - PROGRESS SUMMARY

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### OHIO CROP WEATHER HIGHLIGHTS

The average temperature for the State was 42.4 degrees, 7.4 degrees below normal for the week ending Sunday, October 30, 2005. Precipitation averaged 1.13 inches, 0.69 inches above normal. There were 6 modified growing degree days during the week, which is 37 degree days below normal for this week.

Reporters rated 2.4 days suitable for fieldwork during the seven-day period ending Friday, October 28, 2005. Days suitable for field work were down 3.1 days from last week, and down 2.1 days from last year. Compared to the 2000-2004 average, the current week is down 2.5 days. Topsoil moisture was rated 0 percent very short, 8 percent short, 63 percent adequate, and 29 percent surplus.

#### Days Suitable

	Current week	Previous week	Since 1 <sup>st</sup> week of April
2005	2.4	5.5	152.9
2004	4.5	2.9	133.6
2000-2004 Average	4.9	4.0	133.1

#### Topsoil Moisture

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Current Week	0	8	63	29
Last Week	2	18	72	8
Same Week Last Year	1	4	84	11
2000-2004 Average	3	11	70	16

### CROP PROGRESS AND FIELD ACTIVITIES WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2005

Reporters estimate that 85 percent of **soybeans** are harvested, this is 6 days ahead of last year and identical to the five-year average. **Corn** harvested for grain is at 54 percent which is 3 days behind last year, but slightly ahead of the five-year average. **Winter wheat** is 95 percent planted, this is 6 days ahead of last year and 4 days ahead of the five-year average. Winter wheat emerged is at 77 percent, which is 1 day ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Ninety-two percent of fall and winter **apples** are reported as harvested, which is 8 days ahead of last year and 2 days ahead of the five-year average. Ninety-five percent of **Grapes** are harvested, which is 5 days behind last year and 3 days behind the five-year average. Crop weather reporters estimate that the fourth **alfalfa hay** cutting is 96 percent complete, this is 2 days ahead of the five-year average.

This past week was wet, which slowed many field activities: corn and soybean harvesting and winter wheat planting. Growers in Northwest Ohio have slowed the pace of the corn harvest, because grain elevators are currently full. Major farm activities for the week included: harvesting of corn and soybeans, planting of winter wheat, harvesting of pumpkins, spreading manure, application of lime and fertilizer, cutting hay, record keeping, maintenance of farm equipment, and fence repair.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Sixty percent of pastures are rated good-to-excellent, up 14 percentage points from last week. Winter wheat condition is rated at 78 percent in good-to-excellent condition, up 1 percentage point from last week.

### PERCENT PROGRESS OF CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 30

Crop	2005	2004	2000-2004 Avg	Previous Week	
				Ohio	U.S.
Alfalfa Hay 4 <sup>th</sup> cutting	96	88	95	88	NA
Apples Harvested (Fall & Winter)	92	89	91	83	NA
Corn Harvested for grain	54	59	53	42	65
Grapes Harvested	95	97	96	86	NA
Soybeans Harvested	85	79	85	79	87
Winter Wheat Planted	95	89	91	85	86
Winter Wheat Emerged	77	73	72	54	65

**PERCENT CONDITION OF MAJOR CROPS FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30**

PASTURE	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	3	7	30	51	9
Previous Week	5	15	34	41	5
Previous Year	3	8	25	49	15
WINTER WHEAT	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Current Week	0	1	21	63	15
Previous Week	1	2	20	63	14
Previous Year	0	2	23	57	18

**WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING SUNDAY OCTOBER 30**

Region	Temperature		Precipitation				Growing Degree Days <sup>1/</sup>			
	Last Week	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.	Last Week	Dev.	Since Apr.1	Dev.
Northwest	43.4	-5.6	0.47	-0.01	20.07	-3.16	14	-23	3425	328
North Central	42.2	-7.0	1.34	0.91	27.57	3.61	4	-33	3372	322
Northeast	42.8	-5.8	1.49	1.06	27.35	1.81	3	-34	3172	297
West Central	42.2	-7.6	1.26	0.81	24.92	0.13	6	-36	3512	276
Central	42.6	-7.6	0.90	0.49	24.82	-0.41	5	-39	3542	266
Central Hills	41.5	-7.4	1.49	1.08	27.09	1.75	3	-37	3321	290
Northeast Hills	41.5	-8.0	1.81	1.41	25.48	0.30	3	-38	3312	235
Southwest	42.7	-8.4	0.82	0.34	22.80	-3.63	8	-40	3662	234
South Central	42.9	-8.5	0.97	0.49	22.53	-2.66	8	-45	3750	266
Southeast	42.1	-8.1	1.24	0.80	23.62	-1.74	5	-41	3527	259
STATE	<b>42.2</b>	<b>-7.4</b>	<b>1.13</b>	<b>0.69</b>	<b>24.33</b>	<b>-0.70</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>-37</b>	<b>3475</b>	<b>277</b>

1/ Modified Growing degree days, base 50 - ceiling 86.

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